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Election to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In a letter dated 27 July 2010, **Zhan** Daode (China) notified the Secretary-General, through the Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, of his decision to resign as a member of the Committee with immediate effect. Mr. Zhan's term of office was due to expire on 31 December 2012. The present members of the Committee, are listed in annex III to the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2010 (A/65/3).

2. In a note verbale dated 11 August 2010, the Secretary-General informed the States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from the regional group of Asian States of Mr. Zhan's resignation. In accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 and rule 12 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Secretary-General invited the Governments concerned to submit, by 11 October, their nominations for membership in the Committee to fill the vacancy therein for the remainder of Mr. Zhan's term of office.

3. As at 11 October 2010, the Secretary-General had received the nomination of **Cong** Jun, submitted by China. Biographical information on Ms. Cong is presented below.

Name and first name: **Cong** Jun

Date and place of birth: August 1950, China

Working languages: Chinese, English

Current position

Deputy Secretary-General, China Centre for International Economic Exchanges

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Professional activities

2008-present:	Deputy Secretary-General, China Centre for International Economic Exchanges
2003-2008:	Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
2001-2003:	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Estonia
1999-2001:	Deputy Secretary-General, Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs
1994-1999:	Deputy Director-General and Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, National Population and Family Planning Commission
1993-1994:	Division Director, China International Trust and Investment Corporation (CITIC) Technology Company Ltd.
1991-1993:	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
1982-1990:	Third Secretary, Second Secretary, Deputy Director and First Secretary, Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
1977-1982:	Desk Officer, Attaché and Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations
1975-1977:	Desk Officer, Department of Translation and Interpretation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Educational background

1990-1991:	Tufts University, Boston, United States of America
1973-1975:	University of Wales, London School of Economics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

In 1994, Chinese Alternate Representative to the International Conference on Population and Development

In 1997, Adviser to the Chinese delegation to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development

In 1998, Representative of the Chinese delegation to the Commission on Population and Development at its thirty-first session

In 1999, Representative of the Chinese delegation to the special session of the General Assembly on the five-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

In 2010, Representative of the Chinese delegation to the International Corporation Conference on Green Economy and Climate Change